

PIB Supreme President's Message, May 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Supreme Lodge had a very memorable time during the Memorial Day Weekend Mini-Convention in Pittsburgh. From the challenging course of the Steve Manners Icarian Golf Open through to Youth-filled Glendi on Sunday night in Oakmont, the ICAROS Chapter welcomed fellow Icarians from Cleveland, Detroit, Clearwater and Philadelphia to kick-off a great summer together!

In the venerable hall of the ICAROS clubhouse, several past PSPs, past Foundation Directors, past District Governors and Chapter members listened and participated in this season's third meeting of the Supreme Lodge. We had a productive session and have positive news to pass along.

First up is membership. Last month, I had reported that membership was down but in thirty days, we are up to 497 members registered for the 2012. The District Governors are reporting that number will soon be increasing as the Chapters push forward their membership drives. Let us keep going! The Lodge will send out a revised Membership Summary and Convention Delegate Registration form to each Chapter for their use. Please keep Per Capita submissions coming in to the PIB Treasurer.

Second, we had good news from our Pan-Icarian Foundation as their submitted report was read to the meeting attendees. The Foundation relayed that the May 17, 2012 edition of the Greek language Ethnikos Kyrix from New York had reported that the head of the Greek Church, Archbishop Ieronimos, approved the transfer of the Old Age Home to the municipality of Ikaria.

Additionally, the Foundation reported that as of May 25, 2012, the membership of the Brotherhood had raised \$10,354.50 for assistance to those parts of Ikaria damaged during the 2010 floods. The Foundation will be matching all funds collected for this cause up to \$50,000.

The Lodge Officers, Foundation Director Mike Aivaliotis and Scholarship Chair Georgia Pandeladis also discussed coordinating administrative tasks to facilitate the award of Scholarships to the selected students at the Convention in September. Graduates and undergraduates should note that the PIB Scholarship application deadline is June 30, 2012. Please carefully review the requested submission materials to make sure that applications are complete.

Finally, concerning the 109th Supreme Convention, Wilmington's THERMA Chapter reported that they have nearly filled out their promised room count. A full house of Ikarians is a guarantee of a lively party to follow! The Lodge Officers invite everyone to support the THERMA Chapter by purchasing an ad in the Commemorative Convention Album. Ad forms will be available in the IKARIA magazine and through the Convention website at <http://ikariotiko2012.com>.

The Supreme Lodge wishes everyone a very safe and happy summer. Let us enjoy the days ahead and arrive ready for the sand and surf in Myrtle Beach!

Regards,
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